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ABSTRACT

The State of Yap, one of the four Federated States of Micronesia, is composed of the four adjoining islands of Yap, Gagil-Tamil, Map, and Rumung, plus 15 scattered atolls and small islands. Of the 9,400 inhabitants, about one third live on the outer islands. Yap has public and Catholic schools which follow a U.S. curriculum. Children are required to attend school through the eighth grade, or until they are 14 years old. The government operates 2 senior high schools, 1 middle school, and 29 elementary schools with 244 teachers. In the 1985/86 school year, 13 percent of the total government budget was allocated for public education. The document contains a map of Yap with points of interest indicated, a telephone directory, a brief summary of population changes in Yap, and an eight-item bibliography of English-language materials relating to education in Yap. (JB)

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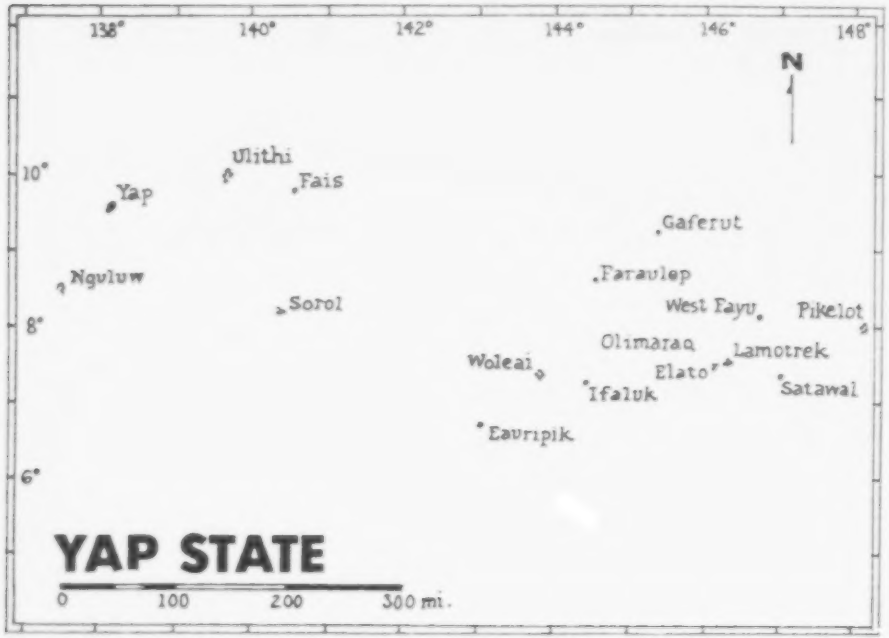

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   Blue Lagoon Store
   E.S.A. Hotel
   Youth Center
   Protestant Church

2. Fisheries
   Ferry Dock
   Bambu Foods
   Women's Handicraft Shop
   Tamag Store

3. Family Chain Store
   Hospital

4. Museum
   Education Offices
   Catholic Church &
   St. Mary's School

5. WSZA Broadcast Station
   Staff Housing
   Agriculture

6. Ruul Municipal Building
   Ruul "Stone Money Bank"

7. Public Works

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One of the biggest changes in Yap since the beginning of the American Administration has been a rapid growth in population. A study done in 1966 showed Yap to have one of the highest birth rates in the world, especially in the 15-19 age group!

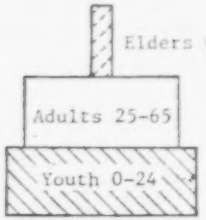
This of course has resulted in a lot of young people, and the proportion of youth has continued to grow as shown in the graphs for 1958 and 1983. We now hear a lot of complaints about "the terrible youth of today'. It might be constructive however, to examine the graphs and ask if perhaps the increase in youth problems might not just be a result of the increase in youth. Even if today's youth were no worse then their parents, there would probably still be an increase in youth problems!

Yap has never had such a large proportion of young people and many of our problems result from this lack of experience. Where experience is lacking, earnest effort is needed to take action to provide not only food, but also meaningful involvement for all of our children and friends.

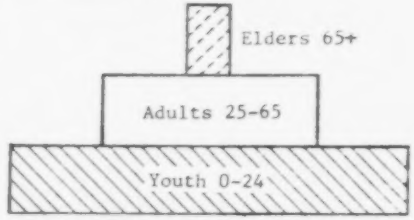
Youth of today, take a look at your parents and consider how many children like yourself you would like to have!

Family Planning is a wanted child. Family Planning information and services are available at Public Health, Yap Hospital.

Population by Age 1958



Population by Age 1983



"Giving birth is something in which mankind and animal are equal, but rearing the young, and especially educating them for many years, is something which is a unique gift and responsability of men. It is for this reason that it is important for human beings to put emphasis on caring for children and their ability to look after them properly, rather than thinking only about the numbers of children and the ability to give birth. For it often happens that men's ability to give birth is greater than their ability to bring up children in a proper manner."

President Nyere, Tanzania

EDUCATION IN YAP

The 118-sq.km. State of Yap, one of the four newly created Federated States of Micronesia, is composed of the four large adjoining islands of Yap, Gagil-Tamil, Map, and Rumung, plus 15 scattered atolls and small islands. Of the 9,400 inhabitants of Yap, about a third live on the outer islands; the rest are distributed over the four large islands. The capital Colonia (Donguch) contains the two hotels, several stores, government buildings, a wharf and a Museum. Yap, like the other Caroline Islands, has been a German, then a Japanese colony; and until 1986 was part of the U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific. Yap has public and Catholic schools, following an American curriculum, but remains the most traditional minded of the Caroline Islands.

Yap allocated for the 1985-86 school year $1,220,000 for public education, or 13% of the islands' total governmental expenditures of $9,160,000. Children are required to attend school through the eighth grade, or until they are 14 years old. The government operates two senior high schools, one middle school and 29 elementary schools with 244 teachers. Most of the teachers have received certification

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